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THE HAGUE FOR JOHN BRIMS

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SUBJ: CCMS: ROAD SAFETY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION FOLLOW-ON

REF: (A) ROAD SAFETY MEETING IN PARIS, MAY 10, 1974, AND

(B) ROAD SAFETY FOLLOW-UP REPORT TO CCMS PLENARY, OCTOBER 1974.

1. AT THE MAY 10 MEETING, THE NETHERLANDS' REPRESENTATIVE J.G. KUIPERBAK AGREED THAT THE NETHERLANDS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITY.

2. AT THE OCTOBER PLENARY THE NETHERLANDS STATED THAT THEY HOPED TO HAVE DEVELOPED A WORKABLE APPROACH BEFORE THE SPRING 1975 PLENARY.

3. KUIPERBAK HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED BY LETTER AND TELEPHONE,
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3 SEPARATE TRIPS TO VISIT THE US ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PERSONNEL DURING LAST SIX MONTHS. NONE HAVE MATERIALIZED.

4. THE US NEEDS TO BE MADE AWARE SOONEST OF KUIPERBAK'S PLANS FOR THE SPRING 75 PLENARY. WILL HE HAVE A PLAN TO PRESENT AND WHAT IS IT?

5. REQUEST YOU SECURE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, IF POSSIBLE:

A) IS THE NETHERLANDS READY TO PROPOSE A COMMON INTERNATIONAL DATA FILE FOR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND A VIABLE ACCIDENT DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM?

B) DO THEY NEED TECHNICAL HELP IN DEVELOPING AN ACCEPTABLE PLAN?

C) WOULD AN UPDATING OF THE PRESENT INDEPTH REPORTING FORMAT USED BY THE US AND CANADA BE HELPFUL FOR OTHER NATO COUNTRIES?

D) HOW DO THEY PROPOSE TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL CCMS EFFORT?

E) IS THE NATO/CCMS ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COORDINATING PANEL A USEFUL ENTITY TO ASSIST THE NETHERLANDS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM? DO THEY PLAN TO CALL A MEETING OF THE PANEL IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

F) DOES THE NETHERLANDS HAVE ANY RESULTS OR FEEDBACK FROM THE OECD ROAD RESEARCH COMMITTEE OCTOBER 18 MADRID MEETING REGARDING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION?

6. THE US (NHTSA) IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AS THE PILOT COUNTRY. HOWEVER LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY CLEARLY RESTS WITH THE NETHERLANDS. WE BELIEVE THE JOINT CANADIAN-US COMPUTERIZED ACCIDENT DATA FILE MAINTAINED AT THE HIGHWAY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COULD BE USED AS AN INITIAL BASE ON WHICH TO BUILD A VIABLE CCMS SYSTEM.

7. JOHN BURKE, WHO IS ATTENDING ECMT ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING IN PARIS FEB 18 AND 19 WILL ALSO DISCUSS ABOVE WITH NETHERLANDS' REPRESENTATIVE. MAW

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